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The First Passover

Discovering
Jesus as
the

Lamb of God

Introduction:

The events of the first
Passover pointed toward
God's plan for our salvation.

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Text: Exodus 12:1-12, 21-23, 29-30

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.

If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are.

You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

**Then they are to take some of the blood
and put it on the sides and tops of the
doorframes of the houses where they
eat the lambs.**

**That same night they are to eat the
meat roasted over the fire, along with
bitter herbs, and bread made without
yeast.**

Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand.

Eat it in haste; it is the LORD'S Passover.

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt.

I am the LORD.

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them,

"Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.

Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe.

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

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Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

Exodus 12:1-12, 21-23, 29-30

The first Passover shows that:

SIN has terrible
CONSEQUENCES and
eventually brings God's anger
and judgment.

The first Passover shows that:

God has always provided a
way to **DELIVER** His people
from the effects of His anger.

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The first Passover shows that:

God's people were given the
OPPORTUNITY to hide
behind the blood of an
acceptable SACRIFICE.

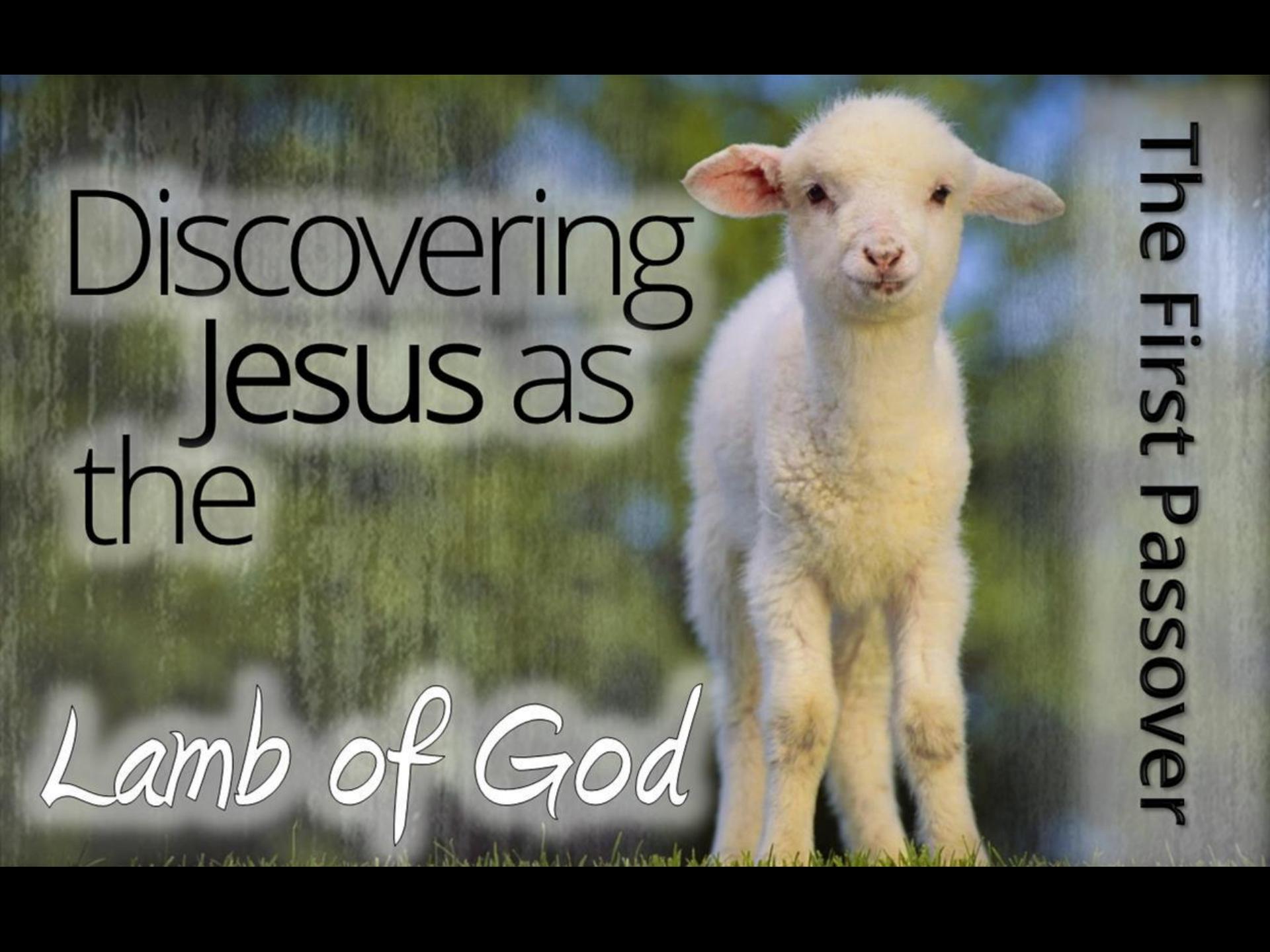
The first Passover shows that:

DELIVERANCE from God's
anger and judgment requires
BELIEF and **OBEDIENCE**.

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Conclusion:

God asked the Israelites to celebrate the Passover Feast to continually point them toward the perfect sacrifice of His Son who would eventually be sent to make atonement for all humanity.

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